

**David Mead - Animal Law Section OPPOSITION to 5127-28**

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Please accept the attached for today's hearing.  
Thank you.  
Bee Friedlander  
Animal Law Section Council Treasurer

For your convenience the text is:



June 24, 2009

Rep. Mike Simpson  
Chair, House Agriculture Committee

Via email: mikesimpson@house.mi.gov

The Animal Law Section respectfully submits its position on HB 5127 and HB 5128

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The position expressed is that of the Animal Law Section and not of the State Bar of Michigan.

The total membership of the Animal Law Section is approximately 170. The process used to adopt this position was via email vote of the Section Council, on June 24, 2009. The number of decision-makers in this body is 15. The position was adopted by a vote of 10 in favor, 0 opposed and 5 not voting.

The Animal Law Section is concerned that HB 5127 and 5128 is on the "fast track" and that these complicated bills are not being given enough time for review and consideration. In addition, it would seem that the bills would give additional authority to agribusiness interests, and would silence the growing concern of Michigan citizens about both the safety of their food and the conditions under which the animals are kept. The Section recommends that the committee vote "No" on both bills.

Respectfully Submitted:

The State Bar of Michigan  
Animal Law Section

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